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STATE PASS TO NRC FOR LAFLEUR AND ERDA FOR HELFRICH,AIA

E.O. 11652:N/A
TAGS: TECH, EEC
SUBJ: U.S. PARTICIPATION IN EC FAST REACTOR COORDINATING
COMMITTEE

REF: BRUSSELS 5591

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM G. SCHUSTER,
DG XII, ON JUNE 8, 1977. MODIFICATIONS TO THE APRIL 22,
1976, TERMS OF REFERENCE DO NOT APPEAR TO BE SUBSTANTIVE,
EXCEPT FOR ADDITION OF A TWO-YEAR LIMIT.

2. CONFIRMING VERBAL STATEMENTS IN WASHINGTON, ERDA
REP. PURPLE, DURING NEGOTIATIONS WITH EC OFFICIALS ON
APRIL 22, 1977, NOTED THAT NRC WOULD HAVE TO JUDGE ANY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST ON ITS MERITS AND THAT,
GENERALLY SPEAKING, ONLY TRULY PROPRIETARY INFORMATION
COULD BE WITHHELD FROM DISCLOSURE. IT WAS, OF COURSE,
AGREED THAT NRC WOULD NOT PUBLISH DATA OR RESULTS WITHOUT
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PRIOR EC AGREEMENT, THIS AGREEMENT IS REFLECTED IN THE
TERMS OF REFERENCE.

3. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. PURPLE: I AM GLAD TO BE
ABLE TO SEND YOU TODAY THE FINAL VERSION OF THE ARRANGE-
MENT GOVERNING THE MODE OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE
EEC-WAC GROUP AND USNRC.

4. THE AGREEMENT WHICH ORIGINALLY HAD BEEN ELABORATED AT A MEETING WITH YOU, MR. SIEBERTZ, CHAIRMAN OF THE SAFETY WORKING GROUP, MR. CUTTS, CHAIRMAN OF THE WAC GROUP AND COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES HAS IN THE MEANTIME BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

SUBMITTED TO THE SAFETY WORKING GROUP AND THE FAST REACTOR COORDINATING COMMITTEE WHICH BOTH, APART FROM MINOR MODIFICATIONS, COMMENTED FAVOURABLY ON THE TEXT PROPOSED.

5. WE WOULD BE GLAD TO RECEIVE YOUR APPROVAL ON THE AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SUCH THAT THE COLLABORATION CAN START.

6. A CORRESPONDENT FROM THE WAC GROUP, MR. PERKS FROM THE UKAEA-RISLEY, HAS ALREADY BEEN NOMINATED.

7. AT THE SAME TIME WE WANT TO INFORM YOU THAT THE NEXT WAC MEETING ON COMPARATIVE CALCULATIONS TAKES PLACE ON 21 SEPTEMBER 1977 IN BRUSSELS. PLEASE LET US KNOW IN TIME IF A NRC REPRESENTATIVE INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE. WE WILL THEN COMMUNICATE HIM ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING. YOURS SINCERELY, G. SCHUSTER.

8. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE EEC-WAC GROUP AND USNRC IN THE FIELD OF WHOLE CORE ACCIDENT COMPARISON CALCULATIONS.

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(1) SCOPE OF COLLABORATION - SCOPE OF THE COLLABORATION IS THE COMPARISON OF RESULTS FROM CALCULATIONS PERFORMED BY THE WAC GROUP AND NRC EXPERTS FOR LMFBR "LOSS OF FLOW" (LOF) AND "TRANSIENT OVERPOWER" (TOP) ACCIDENTS.

(2) EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION - THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WILL BE LIMITED TO INFORMATION NEEDED TO PERFORM THE CALCULATIONS AND TO ENABLE RESULTS TO BE COMPARED MEANINGFULLY AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS.

(3) PARTICIPATION OF NRC-EXPERTS TO WAC MEETINGS -- PARTICIPATION OF NRC EXPERTS TO WAC MEETINGS WILL BE LIMITED TO THE SPECIALIST MEETINGS WHICH ARE ORGANIZED TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS FROM COMPARATIVE CALCULATIONS. THESE MEETINGS ARE NORMALLY ARRANGED TO PRECEDE THE WAC GROUP FORMAL MEETINGS AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT TIMING WILL BE SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE TO ENABLE READY NRC PARTICIPATION.

(4) EXECUTION OF CALCULATIONS BY NRC-EXPERTS - THE

WAC CALCULATIONS BEING NEARLY TERMINATED, THE WAC GROUP EXPERTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE COMPARATIVE CALCULATIONS WILL ASSIST THE NRC EXPERTS IN PREPARING THEIR CALCULATIONS. THE WAC GROUP AND NRC WILL NOMINATE EACH ONE CORRESPONDENT. THESE TWO CORRESPONDENTS WILL ASSURE THE NECESSARY CONTACTS. THE ASSISTANCE TO NRC EXPERTS WILL BE GIVEN: 1) BY A
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REACTOR MODEL AND THE SPECIFICATION OF THE LOF AND TOP ACCIDENT CONDITIONS TOGETHER WITH THE MINUTES OF THE EA EARLIER COMPARATIVE STUDY MEETINGS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE.
2) BY CORRESPONDENCE VIA THE NOMINATED CORRESPONDENTS. COPIES OF THIS CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARIAT AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WAC GROUP. 3) DURING THE INFORMATION MEETINGS HELD BY THE WAC GROUP TO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS MADE IN PERFORMING THE ON-GOING COMPARATIVE CALCULATIONS.

(5) LIMITATION TO PUBLICATION - THE US WILL NOT PUBLISH ANY ARCHIVAL OR TECHNICAL JOURNAL DATA OR RESULTS OBTAINED FROM THEIR PARTNERS AS A RESULT OF THIS COLLABORATION PRIOR TO PUBLICATION OF THE MATERIAL BY THE EEC MEMBER PARTICIPANTS. TRANSMITTED INFORMATION MUST NOT BE PUBLISHED OR QUOTED IN PUBLICATIONS WITHOUT AGREEMENT OF THE PARTICIPANTS CONCERNED.

(6) DURATION OF THE ARRANGEMENTS - THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT
IS VALID FOR TWO YEARS WITH POSSIBILITY OF PROLONGATION.
END QUOTE.

9. PLEASE ADVISE IF AGREEMENT IS ACCEPTABLE, IDENTIFY
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NAME OF NRC CORRESPONDENT, AND WHETHER AN NRC REPRESENTATIVE
WILL ATTEND SEPTEMBER 21 MEETING.HINTON

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